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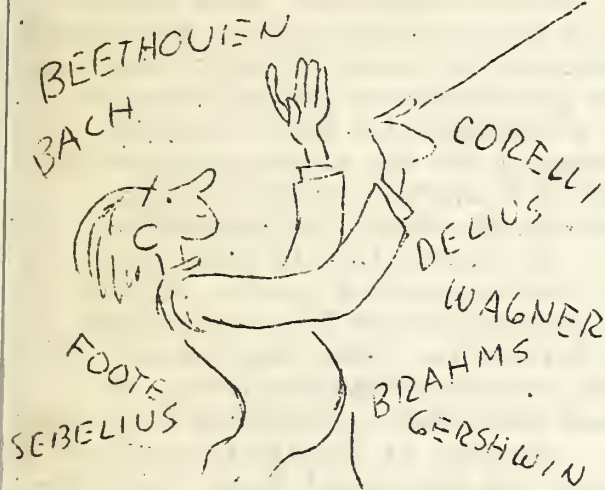
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U. S. D. A. ORCHESTRA

U. S. D. A. has had a large and successful orchestra in past years, but since the War, members have gone into the service or transferred out of the Department and we now have only a small nucleus and the excellent Director, Dr. Walter Bauer left. However, this is very good material upon which to rebuild our orchestra and Dr. Bauer is very much interested in doing this.

There are many occasions when an orchestra is needed by the Department. We shall be depending on the U. S. D. A. Orchestra to play for an event which we hope will occur in the very near future. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Orchestra call ext. 3105 and give your name and the kind of instrument you play.

STATION USDA

A BROADCAST TO AGRICULTURE

Hello there! This is Ed Brigham, Business Manager of the Agriculture Players, speaking. May I have just a minute of your time to tell you about our group?

Agriculture Players is a Department organization which is still in its infancy. Let's help it grow.

We would like to have as members those who are interested in working in "Theater". We would like to have as supporters those who are not interested as members but like the theater as a good sound medium of relaxation and entertainment. The first, major, paid-admission production will be on Nov. 2, 3 and 4. Washington is urgently in need of theater groups. Here is one within our own Dept. Its members are your fellow workers and friends. They are giving their time and talent. Will you give them your support? We will be there on November 2, 3, and 4. Will you?

Now I see that my time is up. Until the next time, thank you, goodbye, and keep smiling.

OCTOBER 15--DEADLINE

Are your overseas Christmas packages on their way? For your convenience, the Ben Franklin P. O. at 12th and Penn. Ave. and the City P. O. near Union Station are open 24 hours a day. There are only four more days til Oct. 15.

AWARDS

On Monday, October 9, at 3:00 o'clock, the employees of the Immediate Office of the Secretary and of five bureaus met in the auditorium to see Mr. E. F. Bartelt, of the Inter-departmental War Bond Committee, present certificates to their representatives for 90% employee participation with 10% of their salaries in the payroll deduction plan for War Bonds. Those who received the certificates were as follows: Asst. Secretary Charles F. Brannan for the Immediate Office of the Secretary; Carl Speh, Asst. Chief, for BA&IC; Dr. Clyde Warburton, Deputy Governor, for FCA; Mr. O. E. Reed, Chief, for Dairy Industry; Walworth Brown, Asst. to Chief, for Exp. Sta.; J. Carl Wright, Manager, for F.C.I.C.; Guy Chase, Asst. Treas., for CCC. Under Secretary Grover B. Hill and Director of Personnel T. Roy Reid made appropriate remarks. This kind of cooperation from the home front will help to make V-Day come sooner. Let's aim toward a Department certificate for 90% of the employees investing 10% of their salaries in Bonds thru the payroll savings plan!

U. S. D. A. MURAL

Have you ever noticed the mural in the stair-well from the first to the second floor at the front of the Admin. Bldg.? It is a harvest scene which was painted in 1934 by Gilbert White. Explanations of the symbolism of the picture have been posted on bulletin boards and your personnel officers and contact officers have copies.

BPIS&AE

The Plant Industry Station at Beltsville has formed an association to look after the general welfare of all Station employees. This association promotes recreational activities; provides for music, dramatic, social, and get-acquainted groups; takes care of emergency cases where help and financial aid are necessary--anything that concerns the employees' life, liberty and PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

The association is responsible for having placed a service flag in the Administration Bldg. of BPIS&AE at Beltsville. This flag has 288 blue stars and six gold stars. An Honor Roll will be completed very soon.

Everyone at the Station is a member of the new association. The officers are Dr. E. E. Berkley, Pres.; J. H. Beattie, Vice-Pres.; Helen Hopwood, Secy.; L. O. Gillette, Treas.; and H. Zahniser, Editor. There are also six counselors. All officers are elected. The association plans to work in close cooperation with the Department and the Beltsville Research Center groups.

Looks as if Plant Industry has an up-an'-coming group of employees!

ORGANIZING FOR PEACE

The Graduate School will present seven lectures in the auditorium on "Organizing for Peace", on successive Fridays, from 6 to 7 p.m., Oct. 13 to Nov. 24. Tickets for the series may be obtained in room 1031 S. Single tickets will be available at the door as space will permit.

U. S. D. A. HARVEST SHOW

The Harvest Show held in the Patio on Oct. 2 and 3 was a great success and enthusiasm is growing for a Show next year. For many of the people this was their first exhibit. Prizes, all of which were in War Stamps, were awarded as follows: Fresh Fruit and Vegetables were combined because of the small number of exhibits in the fruit division. First prize of \$5 went to Floyd Smith, E&PQ; Second prize of \$2 to Floyd Andrea, OES; Third prize of \$2 to E. M. Dieffenbach, OMF. The Canned Fruit sweepstakes prize of \$5 and the Canned Vegetable sweepstakes prize of \$5 both went to Mrs. Floyd Smith. The sweepstakes prize of \$5 for Flowers went to Mrs. Grover B. Hill.

In preparation for next year's bigger and better Show a meeting will be held in the auditorium Friday, Oct. 13, at 4 p.m., for election of officers. All employees interested are invited to attend.

BEGINNERS' BRIDGE CLASS AT U. S. D. A.

If you would like to learn to play bridge here's a golden opportunity for you. Mr. Charles A. Lyons, a National Master for the past five years and a D. C. Recreation Dept. bridge instructor, is also an employee of the Department and is interested in organizing a beginners' bridge class in the Dept. within two to two and one-half months Mr. Lyons will teach you to play an adequate game of bridge. There will be a small charge for the lessons. Give your name to your contact officer if you are interested in acquiring this cultural asset, or call ext. 3105.

MOTHERS!

On October 18, 1944, at 2:30 p.m., there will be a special program in the auditorium for working mothers. A film entitled "Care of Children of Working Mothers" will be shown and Miss Gladys H. Cook, Director of the Foster Day Care and Counseling Association, will speak on the facilities made available to working mothers by her organization. Miss Cook will also be glad to answer your questions on day care facilities. Your contact officer has complete information on the program. No tickets are needed. All mothers are invited.

LEND AN EAR

- October 20 - "Aida"
- October 21 - "Carmen"
- October 22 - "La Traviata"

Presented by the San Carlo Opera Co., sponsored by the Federal Employees' Recreation Council, 8:20 p.m. at Constitution Hall. Federal employees may purchase their tickets at a discount. See Mrs. Stehr at the Information Desk in the Patio to get yours.

WASHINGTON CHURCHES WELCOME YOU

Have you found a church in which you feel at home, where you can participate in church activities in which you are interested? If not, your contact officer has a card to be completed by you and sent to the Washington Federation of Churches, which will take a personal interest in welcoming you into a church of your choice. Your contact officer also has a directory of all churches in Washington.

THIS IS NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

SOCIETY FOR PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

The Society for Personnel Administration was organized in 1937 to foster and encourage the improvement of personnel administration and to provide a forum for the interchange of ideas related thereto. Everyone whose interests and responsibilities are related to some phase of personnel management is welcome into membership in the Society. Employees of Agriculture have played a prominent part in the Society's activities. T. Roy Reid is Director of Sectional Conferences; James L. Buckley is Chairman of the sectional conference on Classification and Salary Administration; Chris Henderson is Vice Chairman of the Training Section; Verna C. Mohagen is an Assistant Editor.

The sectional conferences for October are: Oct. 17, Employment and Placement; Oct. 24, Employee Relations; Oct. 31, Training. All sectional conferences meet at 7:30 p.m., National Archives Auditorium, at 7th and Penn. Ave.

For complete information about the Society and how to become a member, see your contact officer.

A DANCE

A new series of informal dances, sponsored by the War Workers Council of the War Hospitality Committee, will be held at the National Press Club on Friday nights. Single tickets as well as tickets for couples may be purchased in room 528, ext. 3105. There will be servicemen to dance with those girls who come alone.

RED CROSS EXHIBIT

There will be a Red Cross Exhibit in the west side of the Patio from Oct. 16 to 21. Come and see what Agriculture's Red Cross Unit has accomplished since Jan., 1944, and be proud.

Samples of all types of work done will be on display. There will also be amusing, old photographs of Agriculture Red Cross workers in World War I.

See the glass container of real blood plasma and learn how many pints of blood Agriculture employees have contributed.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - Oct. 8 - 14

Each year, one out of every 75 U. S. homes is damaged by fire and 10,000 persons die in fires that could have been prevented. Inspect your home and correct all fire hazards and stay fire-prevention conscious. Be a careful smoker and follow common sense rules and all precautions when using fire producing materials. In 1943, the national fire loss was 41% above the pre-war year, 1940, and large-loss fires were up 176%. It is our responsibility to see that this figure is reduced materially and Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8 - 14, is the time to begin. THE BEST WAY TO FIGHT A FIRE IS TO PREVENT IT FROM STARTING.

AT THE Y. W. C. A.

Do you watch the bulletin boards for Y. W. news? On Oct. 17, it will be Open House from 7:30 to 11. Varied program including a dance with servicemen from 9 to 11.